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Artwork by Natalya Parris Selected for Arts Barn Brochure, Commemorative Mug

Gaithersburg, MD – (December 11, 2018) Artwork by Natalya Parris has been selected as the featured image for the *Arts on the Green* 2018-2019 season brochure. Parris responded to a Call for Artists that invited the creation of a unique design reflecting the variety of performing and visual arts activities that occur at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn, including theatre, music, dance, film, comedy, magic, family, arts education, and gallery exhibitions.

“We are delighted with Natalya’s painting,” says Arts Administrator Shellie Williams. “It captures the vibrant spirit of the Arts Barn and its role as a community arts center.”

In addition to gracing the season brochure, Parris’ artwork is on display in the Arts Barn and is featured on a commemorative ceramic mug, available for purchase for \$9 in the Arts Barn City Shop.

Natalya Borisovna Parris was born in Moscow, Russia, where she earned basic and advanced degrees in construction engineering from the Moscow State Construction University. After moving to the United States, Parris worked as a professional artist, art instructor and curator. She expresses herself and her view of the world through color combinations and shapes.

Arts on the Green is Gaithersburg’s home for the performing and visual arts. Patrons enjoy concerts, magic shows, and professional and community theater in the Arts Barn’s 99-seat theater while music-lovers delight in unique chamber performances held in the elegant Kentlands Mansion. The Green provides a park-like setting for outdoor events and festivals. The Arts Barn is funded in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). To discover more about MSAC grants and how they impact Maryland's arts sector, visit www.msac.org.

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